SUBJECT No. 341.

Grant-in-aid to the orphanage at Melkote.

Mr. M. Varahaswami Iyengar, Sri Yadugiri Sadanandavardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—Many of the provincial merchants and raiyats of the villages assembled together on behalf of the Sadanandavardhini Sabha on the 1st day of 1903, when the Coronation of His Majesty Edward VII took place at Delhi, and opened an orphanage for the Hindus. They have been maintaining it still by means of subscriptions and donations. If this orphanage were to progress steadily according to their views, it may have the chance of becoming a parent institution. In this orphanage there are at present seventeen orphans of different creeds. Not only the committee have been protecting them according to their ability but also have been feeding (1,000) non-Brahmins during jatras for the past two or three years. The institution still feels the want of Government help to have everything done punctually and systematically. It is prayed that a small monthly grant may kindly be given to the said orphanage as is done to the one at Mysore.

Reply of Government.—Let the managers of the orphanage represent.

SUBJECT No. 342.

Increase of grant to the Industrial School at Melkote.

Mr. M. Varahaswami Iyengar, Sri Yadugiri Sadanandavardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—The Industrial School at Melkote is doing good work in the field of weaving. Pray for a monthly grant or for its recognition as a Government Institution.

Reply of Government.—Let the managers of the Industrial School apply.

SUBJECT No. 343.

Melkote to be made the head-quarters of an Amildar or Deputy Amildar.

Mr. M. Varahaswami Iyengar, Sri Yadugiri Sadanandavardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—Melkote has a population of more than 3,000. The Municipality was formed twenty-five years ago. There is a temple which has a large establishment. Jewels to the value of hundreds of thousands of rupees are ever kept in the temple. Besides, good many jewels worth lakhs of rupees are brought four or six times in a year from the Palace and are kept here for many days Before the British Commission, *i.e.*, seventy years ago, this place was the head-quarters of an Amildar. When the villages belonging to the temple were annexed to Government and a fixed amount in cash was set apart for the temple expenses, the taluk head-quarters were removed and the place was included in the Krishnarajpete Taluk. Since then Melkote has become a mere palya. If this place is made the head-quarters of either an Amildar or Deputy Amildar, the town will recover its lost prestige. Many places such as Jagalur, Koratagere, Krishnarajpete, etc., which are far inferior to this, have been the Taluk head-quarters. Previous representations have been made to Government. This time at least it is hoped that this will be taken into the benign consideration of Government.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done, and is not necessary.